

THE ATOM BOMB —oo— U.S.A. MAKING IT MORE DEADLY

The U.S. was succeeding in making the atom bomb a "more deadly and more terrible" weapon," Mr. Francis Sayre, U.S. delegate on the United Nations Trusteeship Council, said yesterday in Washington.

Urging the continuation of aid to Europe in spite of Soviet "calumny and blistering abuse," Mr. Sayre said — "A rehabilitated Europe will spell the collapse of Soviet plans for world domination."

CLAIMS TO BE 139 —oo— AND STILL IN EXCELLENT HEALTH

Turkey seems intent on perpetuating the distinction of possessing the oldest living man, which she was in danger of losing after the death of Zaro Agha. Another claimant to the title has been discovered in Erzincan, in the person of Veli Sahiboglu, who says that he was born in the second year of the reign of Sutan Magmud II, and, therefore, should be 139 years old.

Veli is in excellent health, except for blindness.

FOR WORK DONE —oo— AND GOODS SUPPLIED

Mary McInerney, New Bridge, Coolmeen, was plaintiff in a civil process for £100 at Kilrush Circuit Court, before Judge Barra O Briain, against Anthony L. Downes, Douglas Road, Cork, administrator of the estate of Susan O'Connor, for work done and goods supplied from 1942 to 1946.

After evidence had been given by plaintiff and defendant, the Judge gave a decree for £20 for work done, £3 18s. for goods supplied, and £7 7s. costs and expenses.

OUR FIRST SNOWFALL

Following severe gales in different parts of the country during the week-end, Limerick had its first fall of snow for this winter last night and this morning. It was not a very severe fall, but as the weather continues bitterly cold, experts say that more snow may be expected.

FELL 20 FEET.

John Murphy, of Droumalonhart, Glencar, Co. Kerry, had both legs and his right hand broken when he fell from a ladder in Birmingham, where he was employed in the building trade. He fell approximately 20 feet.

HUGE LOSSES BY FIRE.

Fire and related disasters cost the United States a record total of nearly £175,000,000 in 1947, £75,000,000 more than the damage suffered by Britain in two years of German blitz.

DIED ON WAY HOME FROM COURSING.

Returning from the South Clare Coursing at Cooraclare on Saturday, Mr. Thomas Sheedy, aged 60 years, of Leehanes, Kilkee, had a heart attack at Blackweir, Kilkee, and expired within a few minutes.

according to the invitations of the various Bishops, the statue will go on to South America and then through the Orient towards the eastern border of Russia.

AN ONLY SON

VICTIM OF PRACTICAL JOKE

How eleven-years-old Donald Sweeney, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sweeney, Ballyconry, Lisselton, North Kerry, met his death on St. Stephen's Day as a result of a practical joke, was told at an inquest into his death.

Evidence was given that the deceased and another boy intended to go around with a group of local "Wren Boys." Approaching a house, they were frightened away by the bark of a dog and both boys ran away. They met John Kissane, aged eighteen, at Ahaschra, Kissane had a shot-gun and asked them to go into the house where they had heard the dog previously, adding, as a joke, that if they refused, he would shoot them. The two boys expressed unwillingness and, presenting the gun at them, Kissane pulled both triggers, shooting Sweeney.

John Kissane said he had been shooting curlews that day. He had fired one shot and had been unable to extract the second cartridge from the gun. He intended to take out this cartridge later but forgot to do so. When he pointed the gun at the two boys, he had no idea it was loaded.

A verdict that death was caused by a gunshot wound, accidentally received, was returned.

CLARE SPORTSMAN'S DEATH

The death of Mr. Patrick F. Tubridy, M.R.C.V.S., Kilrush, took place unexpectedly at his residence, Kilrush, Co. Clare. The deceased, who enjoyed an extensive practice in Clare, was well known in coursing circles.

He was a prominent greyhound breeder and owned one of the largest greyhound kennels in the country. His successes included the Derby, Oaks, International Cup and Kingdom Cup.

He was father of Lieut. M. J. Tubridy of the Army Jumping Team and a prominent Gaelic footballer.

Deceased is survived by five sons and four daughters.

DEATH.

HANNON—December 29th, 1947, at his residence (suddenly), 19 Donnellan's Buildings, Prospect, Patrick Hannon, late of Irish Assurance Company; deeply regretted by his loving wife, family and relatives. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Monday) evening, at 8 o'clock. Requiem Mass to-morrow (Tuesday) at 9 o'clock. Funeral same day at 3 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM.

CROWE (14th Anniversary)—In sad and loving memory of John Crowe, Athlunkard Street, Limerick, who died on December 27th, 1933. On whose soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy. Masses offered.—Inserted by his wife and family.

ROESLEN (First Anniversary)—In ever cherished remembrance of my dear husband, Charles (late Elm Park, Ennis Road, Limerick), who died on 28th December, 1946, as the result of an accident. On whose soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy. Masses offered.

Love's greatest gift—Remembrance.—Inserted by his loving wife, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

★ THEIR ORIGIN.

The origin of the gypsy cannot be laid down with any degree of certainty. It is said that the name they bear is a corruption of Egypt, from which country a band of them came to Europe in the fifteenth century. The French call them Bohemian, because groups of them entered France from Bohemia. The Dutch, who regard them as heathens, give them a name expressive of that belief. The Danes and Swedes refer to them as Tartars, from the notion that they came from Tartary. The gypsies themselves assert that they originated in Hindustan. But does it matter very much where they came from?

★ NIGHTMARES!

As a result of heavy feeding and—in a whisper, drinking—during the holidays many had their slumbers disturbed by nightmares. What are these things, anyway? Our forefathers were of the opinion that nightmares were caused by a sort of evil spirit that perched itself on one's chest while the victim lay asleep. These vampires were said to be the guardians of hidden treasure, over which they brooded. It is from this circumstance that we get the expression—mare's nest. When anyone is supposed to have made some remarkable discovery which is not, in fact, a discovery at all, we have a mare's nest ready made. In Limerick, from time to time, we have had many such discoveries.

★ BUILDING SPEED-UP.

It is stated in the building trade that many houses will be erected by private enterprise in the environs of the city during the coming year. For some months past building has been brisk, but it is expected that a regular speed-up will mark the opening of the New Year. It might be no harm to remind private builders—as they may not be conversant with the regulations—that it is absolutely necessary to have plans for houses approved by the Corporation before any operations are begun. The Corporation's jurisdiction in respect of town planning extends for a considerable area outside the Borough Boundary, a fact that should be borne in mind by prospective builders.

★ VERY STRINGENT.

Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Act empowers the Corporation to either grant or refuse permission for the erection of any building within the "contiguous area," which has been clearly defined on specially prepared maps. The Corporation can, in fact, prohibit builders from proceeding with the construction, demolition, alteration, extension, repair or renewal of any particular structure. It should be fairly obvious, in these circumstances, that it would be very foolish for any one to undertake building operations without having been fortified with a certificate from the local authority.